MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
July 15, 2026

At 8:30 a.m., President Dick called to order the Regular Meeting of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) in the Boardroom at the District facilities located in Fountain Valley, as well as including attendance via the Zoom Webinar application. Following a moment of silence, Cristo Rey Orange County High School Board of Director Tim Psomas led the Pledge of Allegiance, and District Secretary Angela Crespi called the roll.

MWDOC Directors
Al Nederhood
Larry Dick
Bob McVicker
Karl W. Seckel*
Randall Crane*
Jeffery M. Thomas
Megan Yoo Schneider

*Also MWDOC MET Directors

Other MWDOC MET Directors
Dennis Erdman

Staff
Harvey De La Torre, General Manager
Melissa Baum-Haley, Assistant General Manager
Angela Crespi, District Secretary
Vicki Osborn, Director of Emergency Management/WEROC
Charles Busslinger, Director of Engineering/ District Engineer
Hilary Chumpitazi, Director of Finance/IT
Damon Micalizzi, Director of Public Affairs
Jennifer Wicks, Communications Manager
Tiffany Baca, Education and Workforce Manager
Rachel Davis, Water Loss Control Programs Manager
Kathy Pham, Assistant Board Secretary
Rachel Waite-Harvey, Water Use Efficiency Programs Supervisor
Joe Byrne, Legal Counsel

Also Present

André Feijóo	Cristo Rey Orange County High School
Tim Psomas	Cristo Rey Orange County High School
Doug Davert	East Orange County Water District
Vu Chu	El Toro Water District
Mike Gaskins	El Toro Water District
Kay Havens	El Toro Water District
Mark Monin	El Toro Water District
Doug Reinhart	Irvine Ranch Water District
Peer Swan	Irvine Ranch Water District
Paul Weghorst	Irvine Ranch Water District
Keith Van Der Maaten	Laguna Beach County Water District
James Fisler	Mesa Water District
Jim Atkinson	Mesa Water District
Dick Fiore	Moulton Niguel Water District
Donald Froelich	Moulton Niguel Water District
Marina Lindsay	Moulton Niguel Water District
Sherry Wanninger	Moulton Niguel Water District

Lisa Ohlund	Ohlund Management & Technical Services
Fred Jung	Orange County Water District
Charles Luas	Orchard Dale Water District
Robert Pitts	Serrano Water District
Brad Reese	Serrano Water District
Rick Erkeneff	South Coast Water District
Jennifer Lopez	South Coast Water District
John Horst	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Larry McKenney	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Michael Perea	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Brett Barbre	Yorba Linda Water District
Tom Lindsey	Yorba Linda Water District
Chuck Gibson	
Michael Miller	

TELECONFERENCE SITE

Director Yoo Schneider participated via teleconference location (all agenda and meeting requirements pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act were complied with).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dick asked whether any member of the public had any comments on items that were not on the agenda.

Trabuco Canyon Water District Director John Horst introduced himself and requested support from the MWDOC Board of Directors for his candidacy in the California Special Districts Association Election.

The Board thanked Mr. Horst for attending the Board meeting.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

No items were received.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING

President Dick inquired as to whether there were any items distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

District Secretary Crespi reported that no items were distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2177

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Water Loss Control Programs Manager Rachel Davis introduced Water Resources Intern Katie Vo and highlighted her academic achievements, including receiving the University of California,

Irvine School of Social Ecology Field Study Award of Excellence for exceptional performance in her field study placements.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1 to 6)

Upon MOTION by Director Seckel, seconded by Director Thomas, and carried (7-0), to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 – 6 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

1. MINUTES

The following minutes were approved.

a. June 1, 2026 Planning & Operations Committee Meeting
b. June 3, 2026 Joint Workshop Board Meeting
c. June 10, 2026 Administration & Finance Committee Meeting
d. June 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
e. June 18, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The following items were ratified and approved as presented.

a. MWDOC Revenue/Cash Receipt Register as of June 30, 2026
b. Disbursement Registers (June/July)

The following items were received and filed as presented.

c. Summary of Cash and Investment and Portfolio Master Summary Report (Cash and Investment report) as of May 31, 2026
d. PARS Monthly Statement (OPEB Trust)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The following item was received and filed as presented.

a. Combined Financial Statements and Budget Comparative for the Period Ending May 31, 2026

4. APPROVAL OF ON-CALL TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS

The Board approved the list of pre-qualified consultants for on-call technical and professional services to support Reliability Planning & Engineering, Emergency Management, Water Use Efficiency, and Administration.

5. MWDOC PARTICIPATION IN CRISTO REY ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CORPORATE WORK STUDY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

The Board approved participation in the Cristo Rey Orange County High School's Corporate Work Study Program for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and authorized the General Manager to execute an agreement; and appropriated $13,673 in reserve funds to the adopted budget to cover one student for the 10-month 2026-27 school period.

6. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – SOUTHERN NETWORK, SEAT C

The Board authorized staff to cast the District's ballot for Trabuco Canyon Water District Director John Horst in the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election, Southern Network, Seat C.

End of Consent Calendar

ACTION ITEM

7. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN DOCUMENT

Upon MOTION by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Crane, and carried (7-0), to adopt a resolution approving the restatement of the Municipal Water District of Orange County 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Nederhood, Dick, McVicker, Seckel, Crane, Thomas, and Yoo Schneider
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

INFORMATION CALENDAR

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (ORAL AND WRITTEN)

General Manager Harvey De La Torre informed the Board that he received numerous compliments from Member Agencies regarding MWDOC's support, leadership, and collaboration on the Urban Water Management Plan.

Director Seckel requested that staff explore whether there are opportunities to influence the revision process for the Lead and Copper Rule to allow for differing compliance requirements between the western and eastern United States.

9. MWDOC GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Directors - Reports re: Conferences and Meetings

The Board members each reported on their attendance at the regular MWDOC Board and Committee meetings. In addition to these meetings, the following reports were made on conferences and meetings attended on behalf of the District.

Director Nederhood advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) meeting, and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) meeting, Public Policy Institute of California Tribal Water Rights webinar, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, and the Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee. Director Nederhood provided a recap of the Metropolitan meetings and Tribal Water Rights webinar he attended.

Director McVicker reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

Director Thomas advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, Administrative Code Review Ad Hoc Committee, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, and legally required Ethics training.

Director Seckel reported that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

Director Crane advised that he attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Metropolitan Board and Committee meetings, ISDOC Executive Committee meeting, WACO meeting, Moulton Niguel Water District Board meeting, Irvine Ranch Water District Board meeting, and Water Policy Forum.

Director Yoo Schneider reported that she attended all of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Planning & Operations, Administration & Finance, and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Santa Margarita Water District Committee meeting, South Coast Water District Board meetings, WACO meeting, and the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance Summer Issues Seminar.

Director Dick advised that he attended most of the regularly scheduled MWDOC meetings (Administration & Finance and Executive Committee meetings, as well as the Joint Workshop and Regular Board meetings), Serrano Water District General Manager Jerry Vilander Retirement, legally required Ethics and Anti-Harassment trainings, Urban Water Institute Executive Committee meeting, Orange County Water Summit Ad Hoc Committee, ISDOC,

WACO and WACO Planning meetings.

b. Requests for Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were requested.
President Dick announced the Board was going into Closed Session at 9:03 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

10. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CYBERSECURITY THREATS TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES
Consultation with the General Manager and other appropriate staff
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

11. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: General Manager

The Board meeting reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Joe Byrne announced that the Board met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel and did not take any action that was reportable pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Dick adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Angela Crespi
District Secretary